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1. THE PROVINCE OF MAY 10 DEVOTES BETTER PART OF FIVE FULL PAGES TO WIRE SERVICE REPORTS AND NATIONAL COLUMNISTS' COMMENTS ON BERGER REPORT RELEASED IN OTTAWA ON MAY 9. EDITORIAL ENTITLED "IS MACKENZIE PIPELINE DEAD?" FINDS SOME ASPECTS OF THE REPORT "DISTURBING".

2. EDITORIAL LEADS OFF BY STATING THAT IF THE GOVERNMENT ACCEPTS BERGER'S WARNINGS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR A 10-YEAR DELAY, THEN THERE IS LITTLE DOUBT THAT THE ARCTIC GAS PIPELINE PROJECT (AS WELL AS THE ALL-CANADIAN ROUTE PROPOSAL) IS "NOW DEAD" AND "THE AMERICANS WILL PROBABLY SHIP THEIR OWN GAS DOWN THE ALASKA HIGHWAY -- WITH THE POSSIBILITY THAT SOME CANADIAN GAS MAY BE PIPED DOWN THE DEMPSTER HIGHWAY ROUTE THROUGH THE YUKON TO JOIN UP WITH THE ALCAN PIPELINE".

3. MAIN THRUST OF EDITORIAL IS THAT THE REPORT "SEEMS NOT SO MUCH THE WORK OF A JUDGE BUT OF A SPECIAL ADVOCATE. IT SEEMS UNCLASSIFIED

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TO DRAW MOST OF ITS STRENGTH AND INSPIRATION FROM ATTITUDES SHAPED IN THE DAYS WHEN MR. JUSTICE BERGER WAS AN ELOQUENT SPOKESMAN FOR THE INDIANS ON THEIR LAND CLAIMS, OR WHEN HE WAS LEADER OF A POLITICAL PARTY THAT WAS GOING TO DO GREAT THINGS FOR THE UNDERDOG BUT, WHICH, ONCE IN POWER, IT NEVER DID."

4. PROVINCE FINDS THAT "MOST DISTURBING ASPECT" IS THE STRENGTH

OF THE LANGUAGE BERGER USES TO ADVANCE THE CLAIM OF SELF-DETERMINATION OF THE NORTHERN NATIVES. "HIS ADVOCACY IS SUCH THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS BACKED INTO A VERY TOUGH CORNER. AT TIMES IT GIVES AN IMPRESSION THAT MR. BERGER IS SAYING THAT EITHER OTTAWA GIVES THE INDIANS AND OTHER NORTHERN GROUPS WHAT THEY WANT OR THERE WILL BE SERIOUS VIOLENCE. INDEED THE ADVOCACY IS SO STRONG THAT THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT MANY INDIANS WILL FEEL BETRAYED IF THE GOVERNMENT FAILS TO INCLUDE EVERY COMMA OF MR. BERGER'S PETITION ON THEIR BEHALF."

5. EDITORIAL CONCLUDES THAT "ALL IN ALL, THE REPORT IS A DISAPPOINTMENT. IT IS PREDICTABLE AND EVANGELISTIC. BY ITS VERY EVANGELISM IT MAY BE STORING UP GREAT PROBLEMS FOR US WHEN GOVERNMENTS SIT DOWN TO TRY TO REACH REASONABLE CONCLUSIONS WITH THE INHABITANTS OF THE NORTH".

6. B.C. GOVERNMENT HAS RESERVED OFFICIAL COMMENT ON REPORT PENDING STUDY AND CABINET DISCUSSION LATER THIS WEEK.

7. NO EDITORIAL COMMENT APPEARED IN THIS AFTERNOON'S VANCOUVER SUN.

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